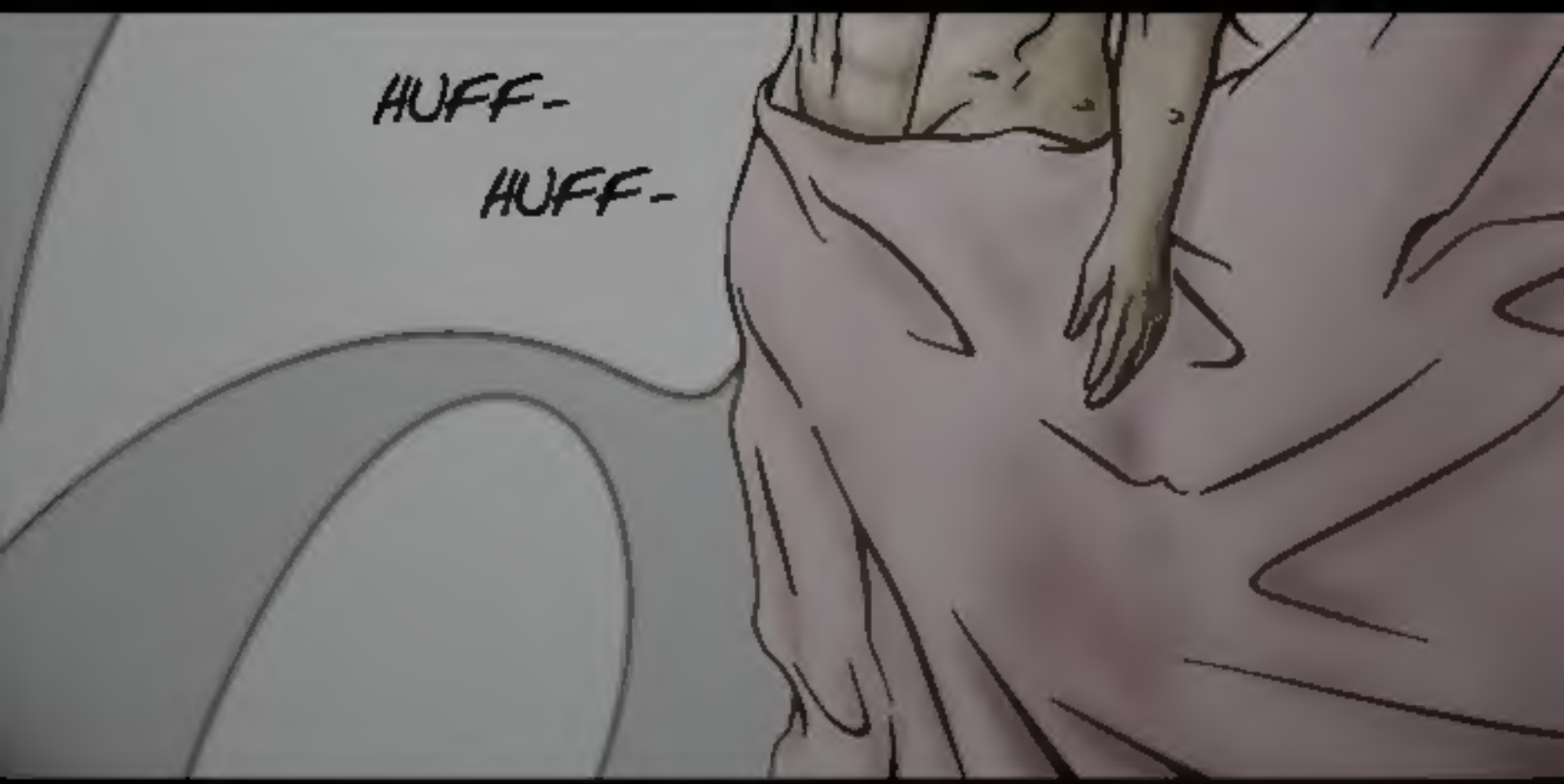
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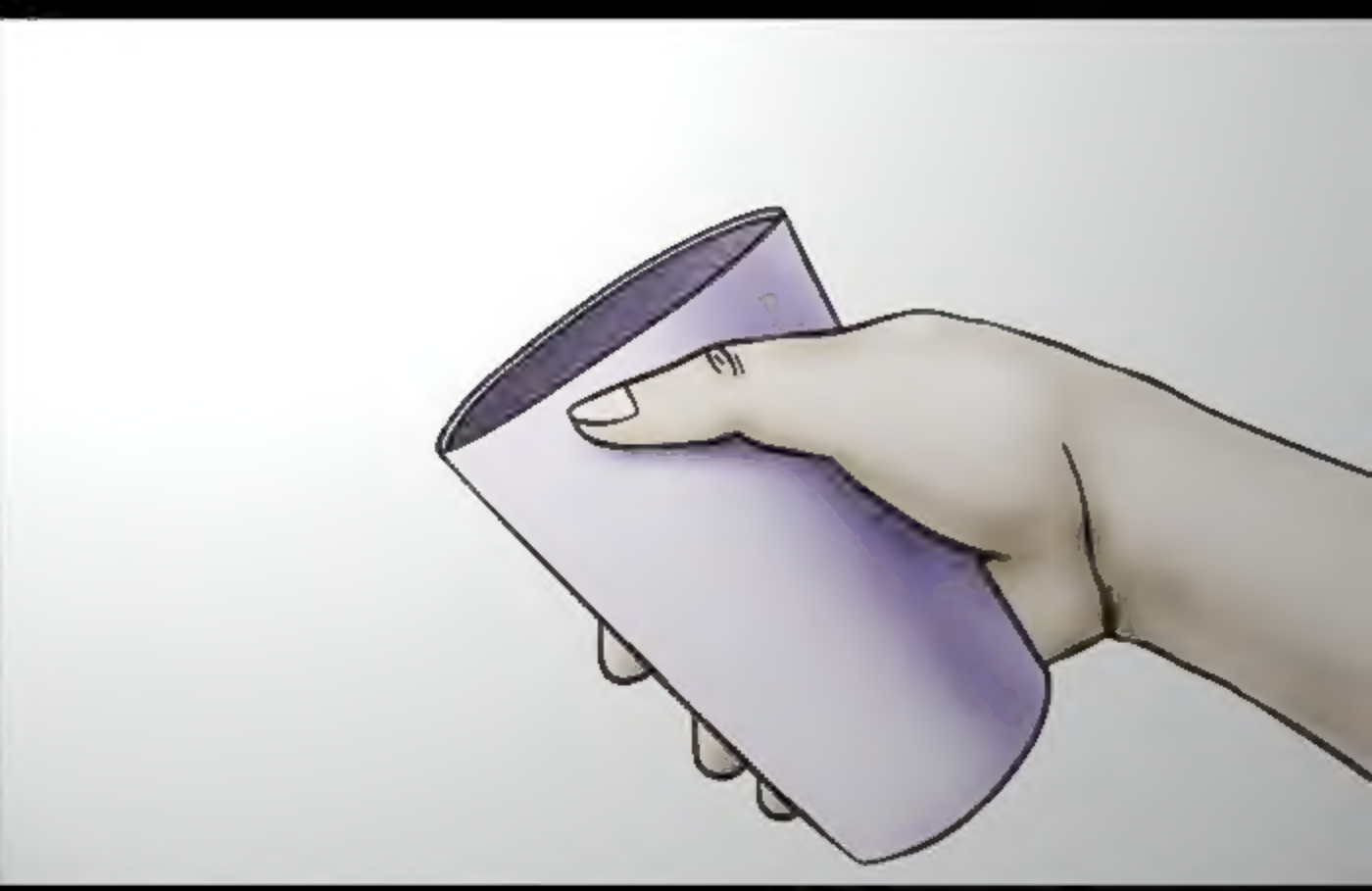
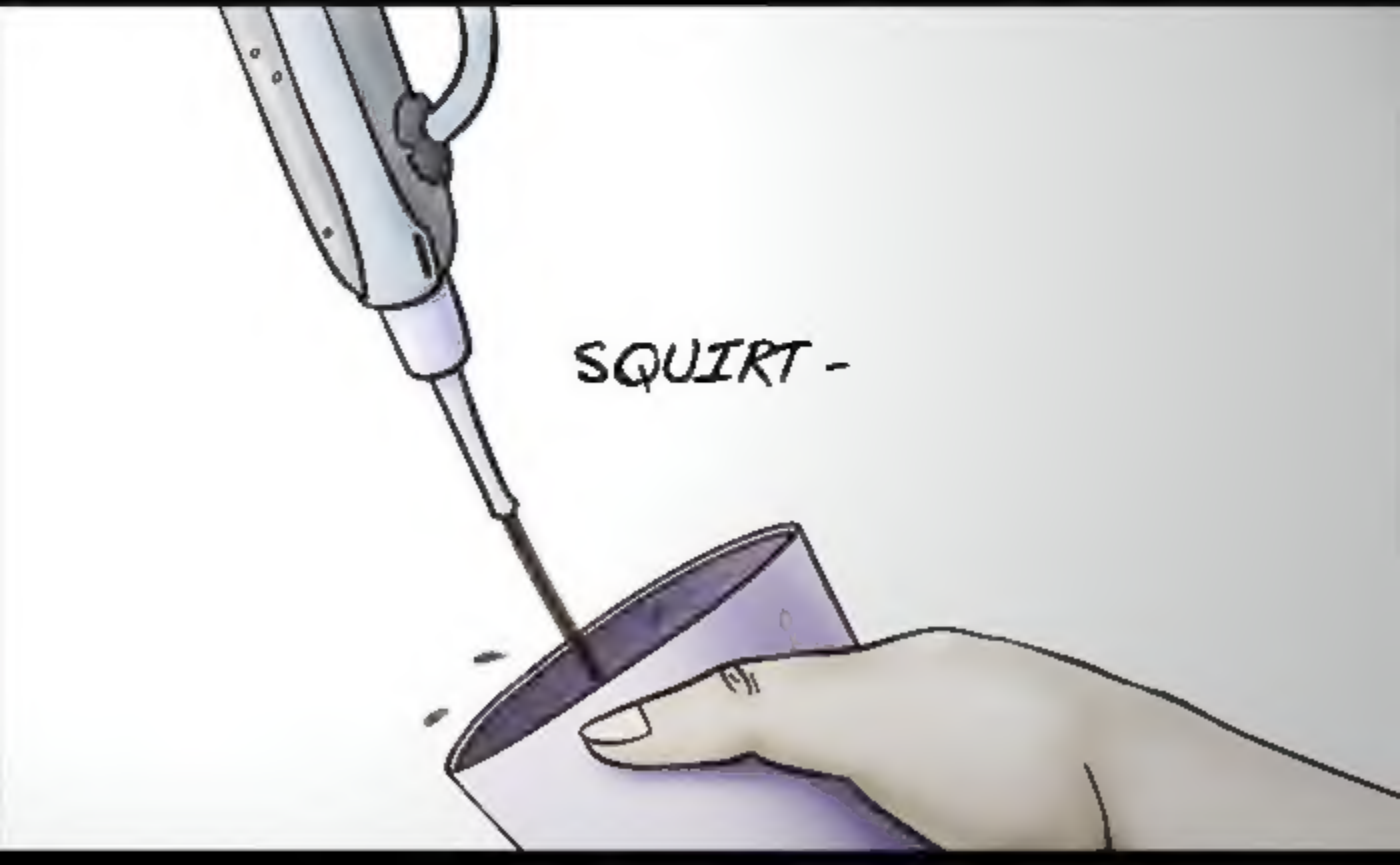


IT WAS T.H.E. TAEHEE SONG!



I'VE ONLY EVER SEEN HER ON TV
AND IN COMMERCIALS,
AND NOW I CAN DO WHATEVER

I WANT WITH A MEGASTAR LIKE HER?

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TAEHEE SONG

THIS IS SOMETHING I NEVER WOULD HAVE BEEN
ABLE TO DO IF IT WEREN'T FOR THIS PLACE.

THE PURE ECSTASY OF IT WAS SO GREAT
THAT I COULDN'T GET USED TO IT EVEN
AFTER EXPERIENCING IT SEVERAL TIMES.

GULP-
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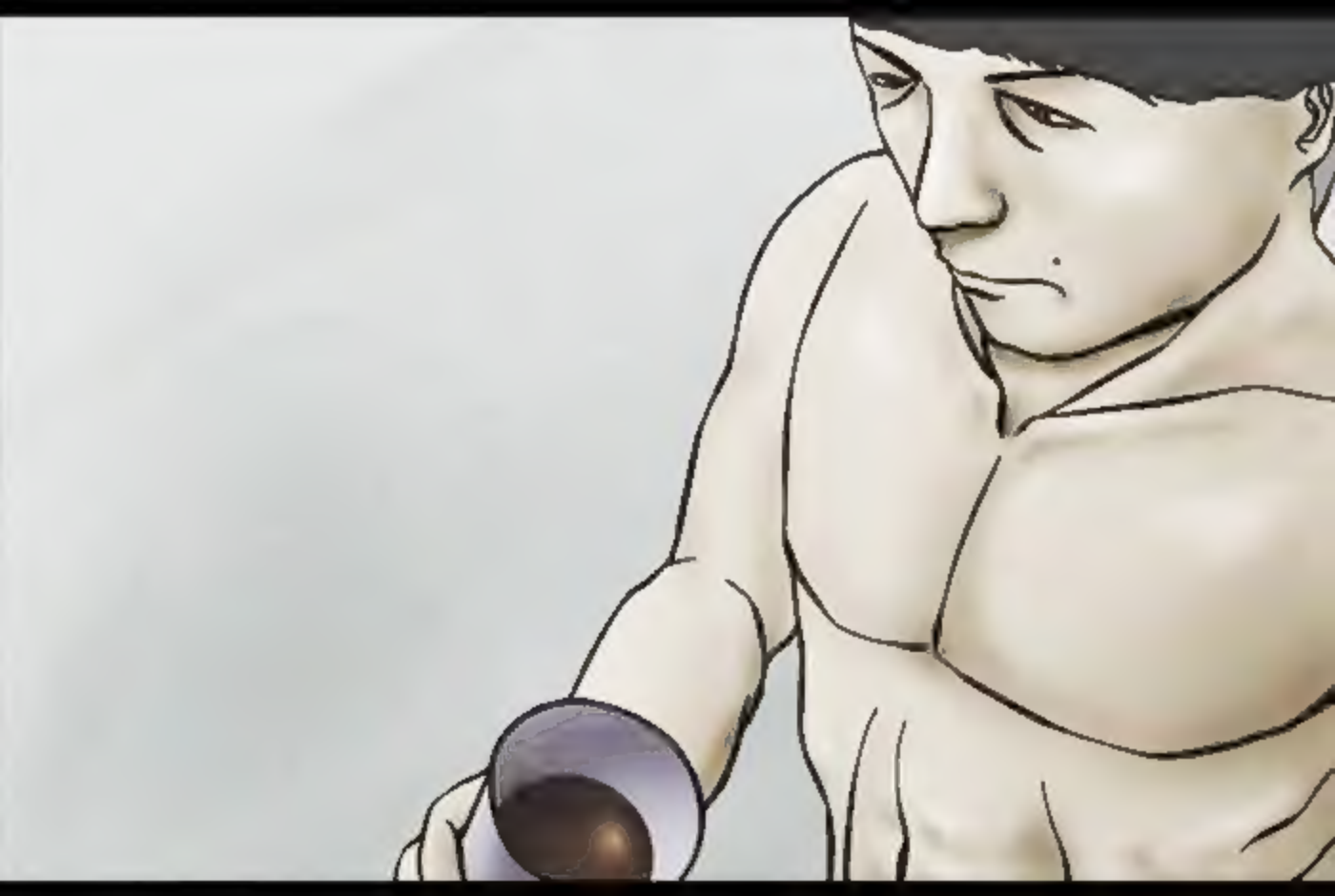
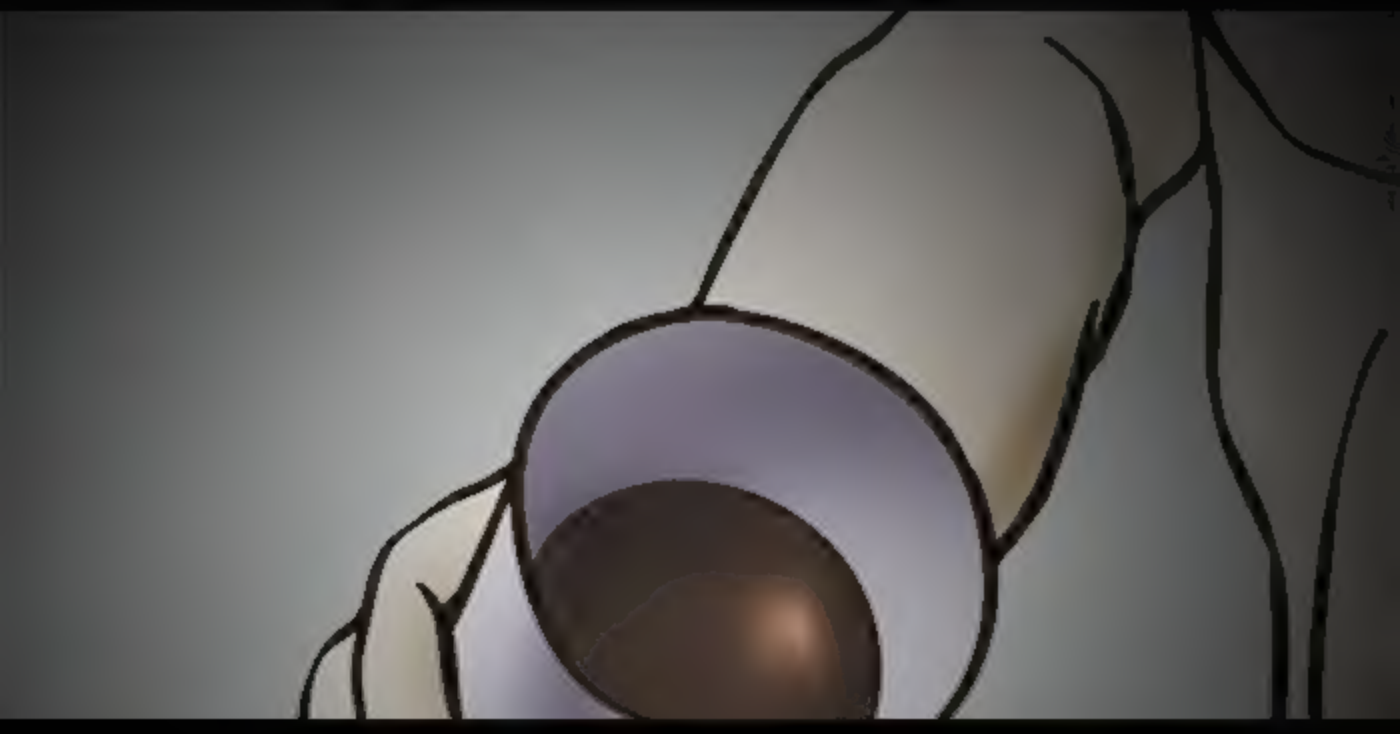
HOWEVER.

DURING THE QUIET AFTER
THE PASSIONATE STORM,

A THOUGHT SUDDENLY OCCURRED TO ME.



THE WOMEN THAT I HAVE SUMMONED SO FAR–



WHERE HAVE THEY ALL GONE?

FRIDAY
FORBIDDEN TALES
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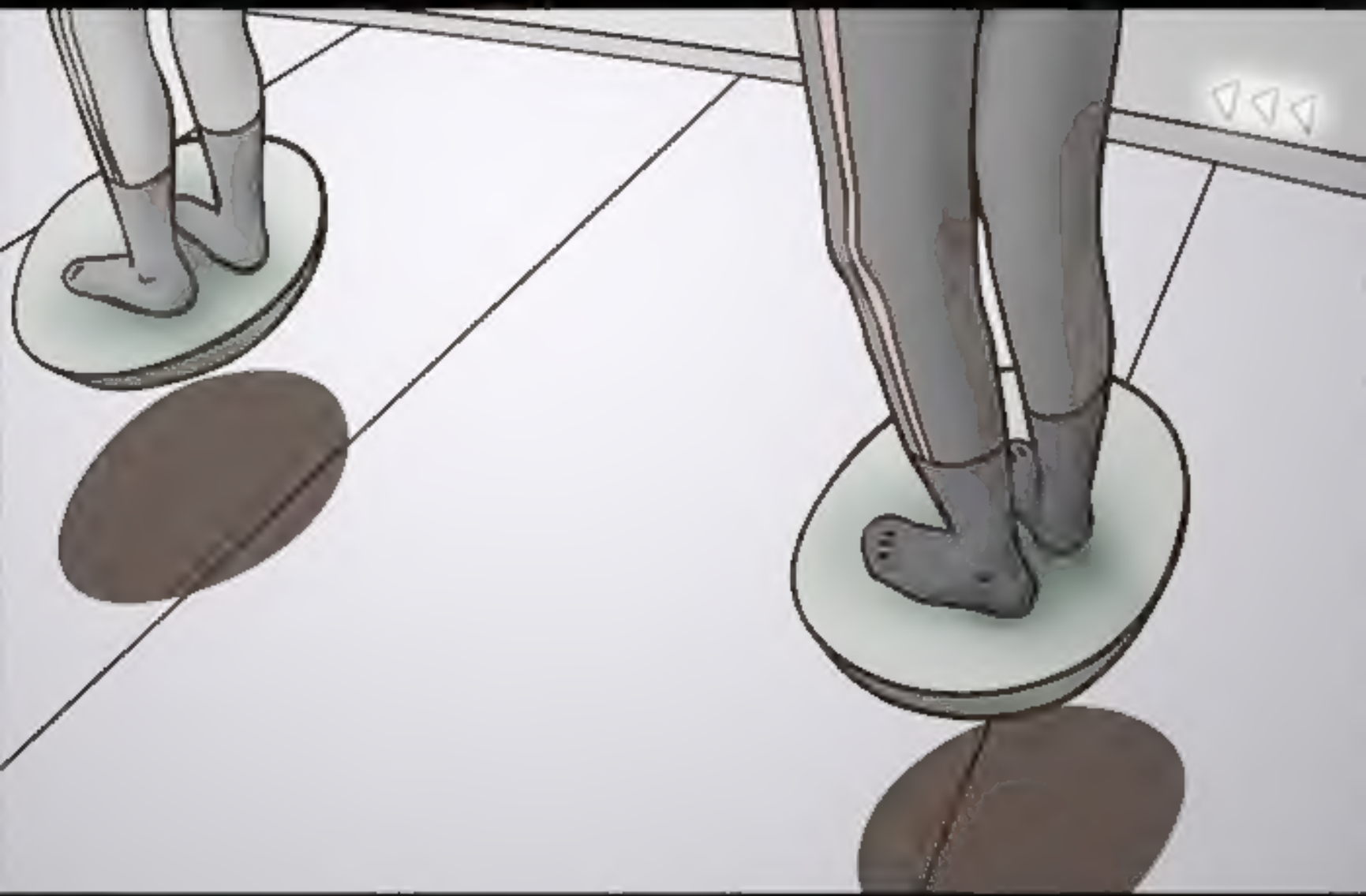
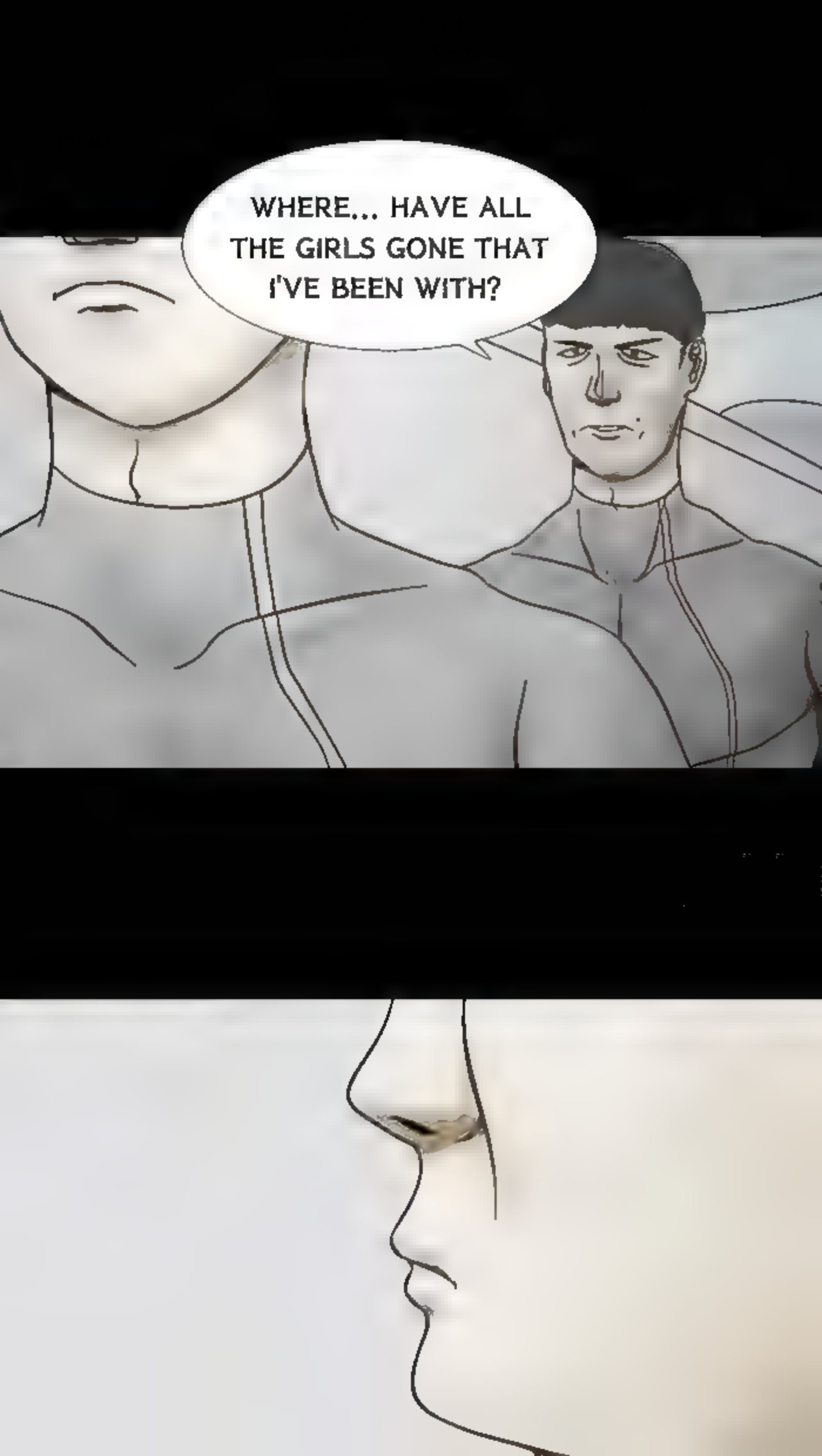


I ASKED THEM.

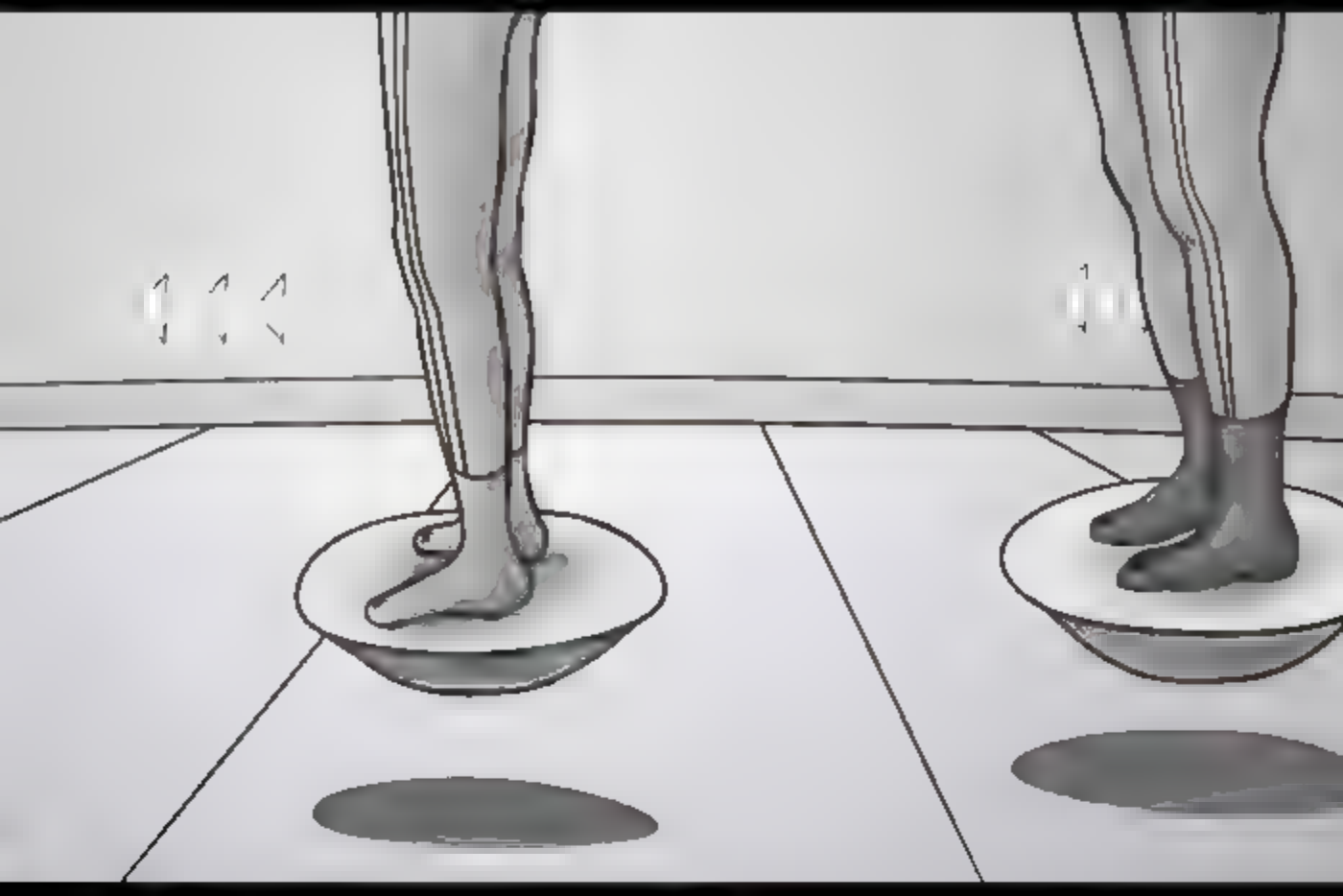

WHERE... HAVE ALL THE GIRLS GONE THAT I'VE BEEN WITH?

HOW INTERESTING.
YOU ALWAYS ASK

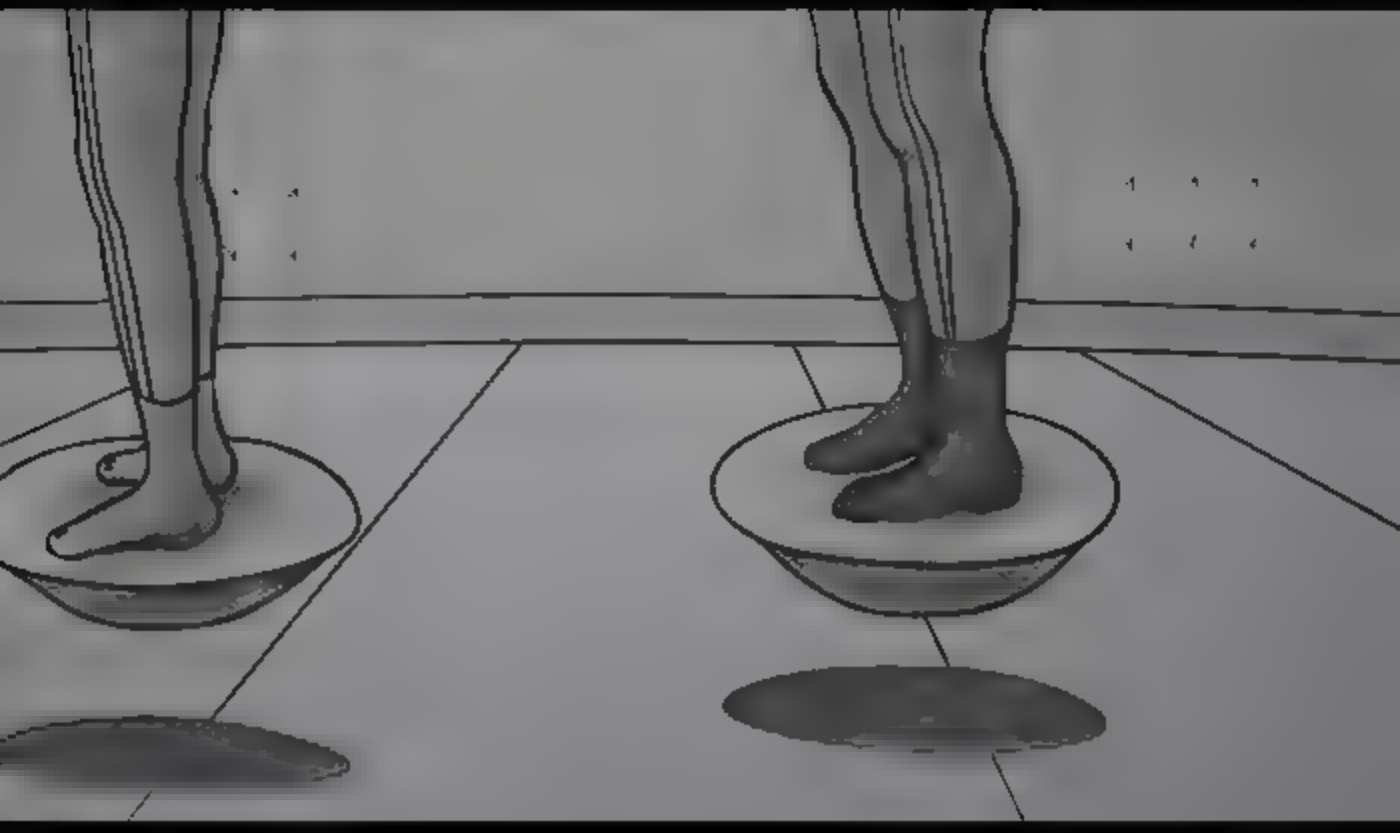
THE SAME THING
AT AROUND THE
SAME TIME.

DON'T WORRY ABOUT THEM.
THEY'VE RETURNED TO WHERE THEY CAME FROM.

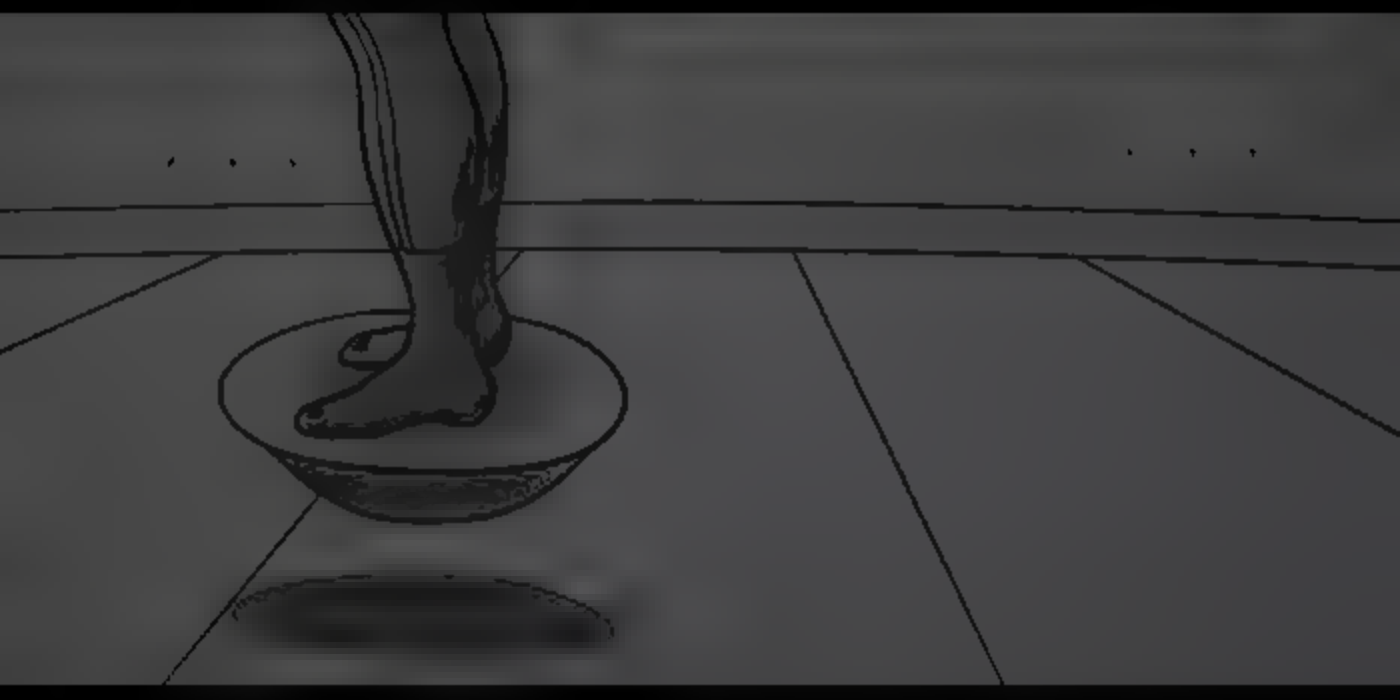
DOES HE MEAN THAT THEY GOT SENT BACK TO THE PRESENT.. OR RATHER, THE PAST? IS THAT REALLY THAT SIMPLE?



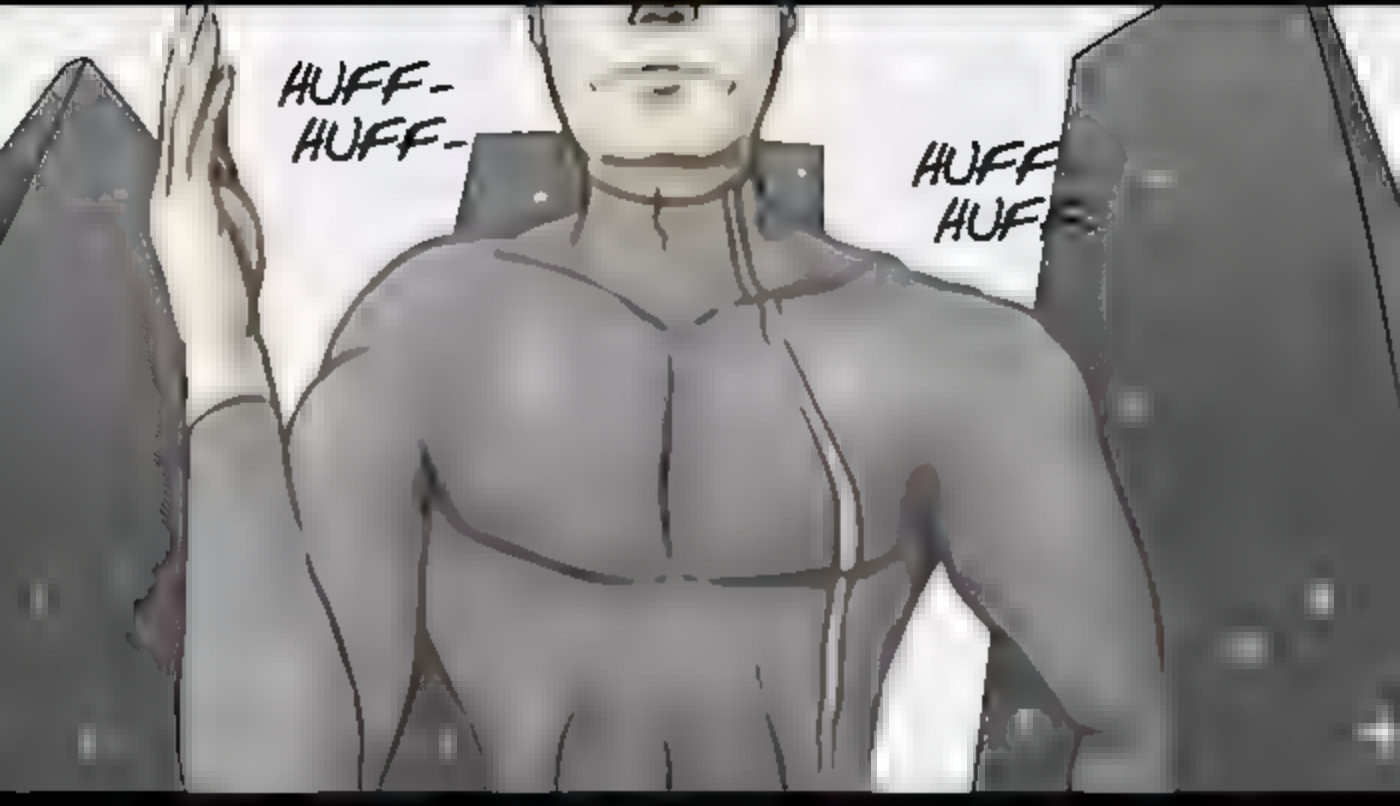
BUT WAIT, DOESN'T IT AFFECT THE FUTURE



IF YOU START BRINGING
PEOPLE FROM THE PAST HERE?



QUITE A WHILE HAS PASSED SINCE THEN



BUT MY LIFE IS STILL THE SAME.

I STILL EAT WELL, SLEEP WELL,
AND WORK OUT A LOT.

I DON'T HAVE ANY APPARENT PROBLEMS,
JUST INNER ANXIETY.
I DO WHAT THEY SAY BECAUSE I HAVE TO,

AND YET EACH DAY
I FIND EVERYTHING VERY SUSPICIOUS.

SHOULD WE START GETTING READY NOW?

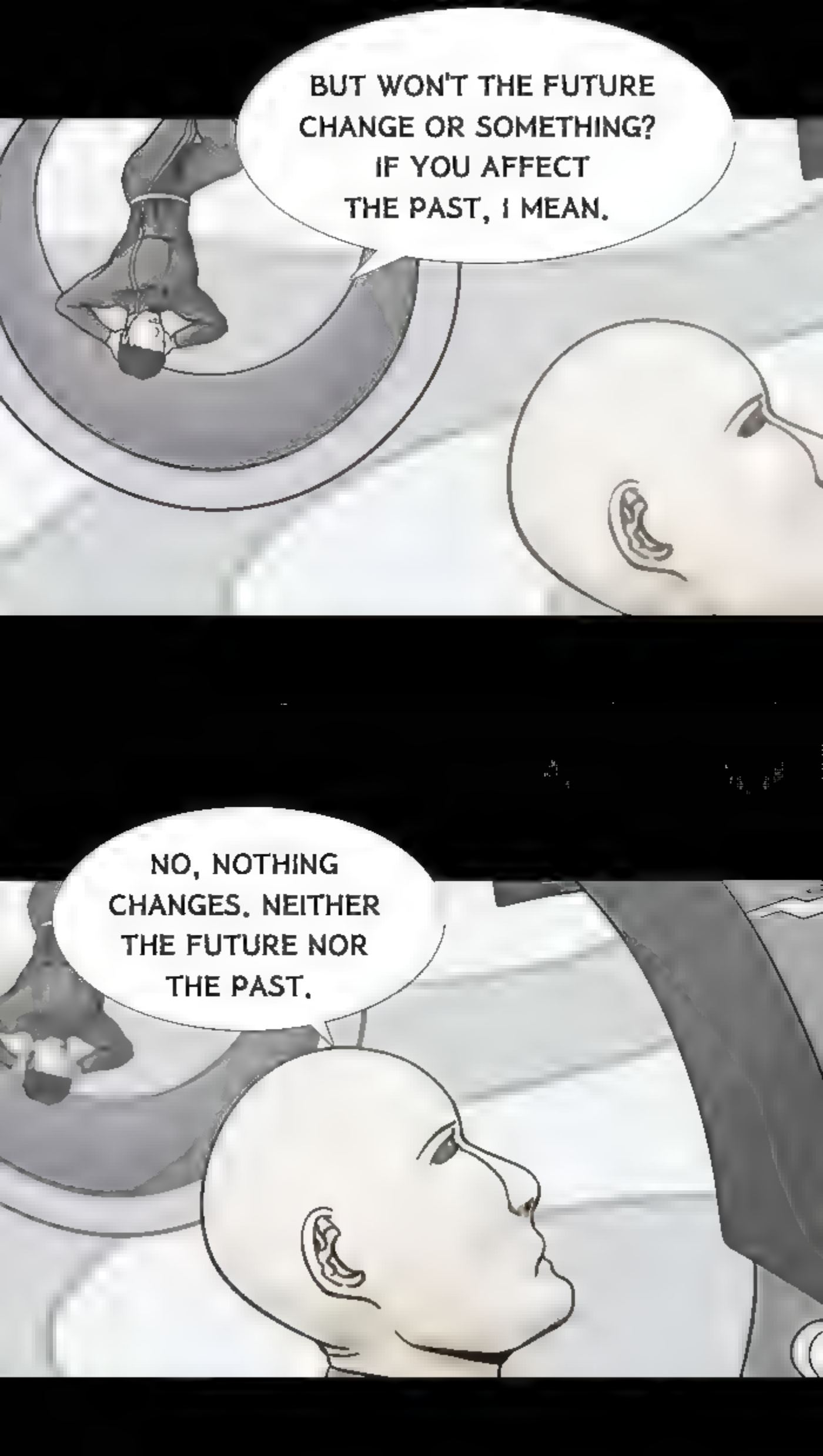
YES, I THINK NOW IS THE PERFECT TIME.

WHY. WHY ARE THEY DOING THIS?

MY DOUBT AND SUSPICION

WON'T GO AWAY.

I'M NOT MUCH
OF A SCIENCE GEEK...


BUT WON'T THE FUTURE CHANGE OR SOMETHING? IF YOU AFFECT THE PAST, I MEAN.
NO, NOTHING CHANGES. NEITHER THE FUTURE NOR THE PAST.

SUCH A SIMPLE

AND FIRM ANSWER.

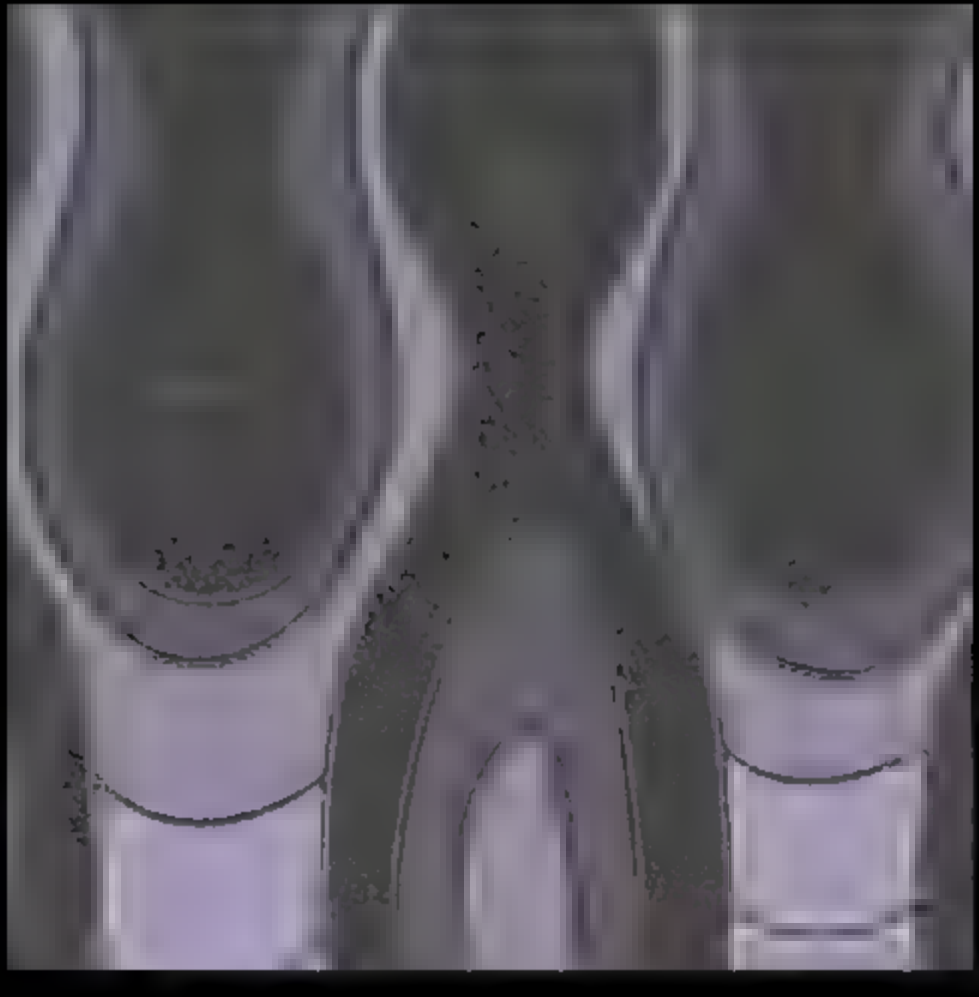
YOU SEEM TO HAVE A LOT OF QUESTIONS LATELY.
I'LL EXPLAIN EVERYTHING TO YOU A BIT MORE, THEN. SO YOU CAN COMPLETELY FOCUS ON YOUR TRAINING.

"AS I HAVE ALREADY TOLD YOU ONCE."

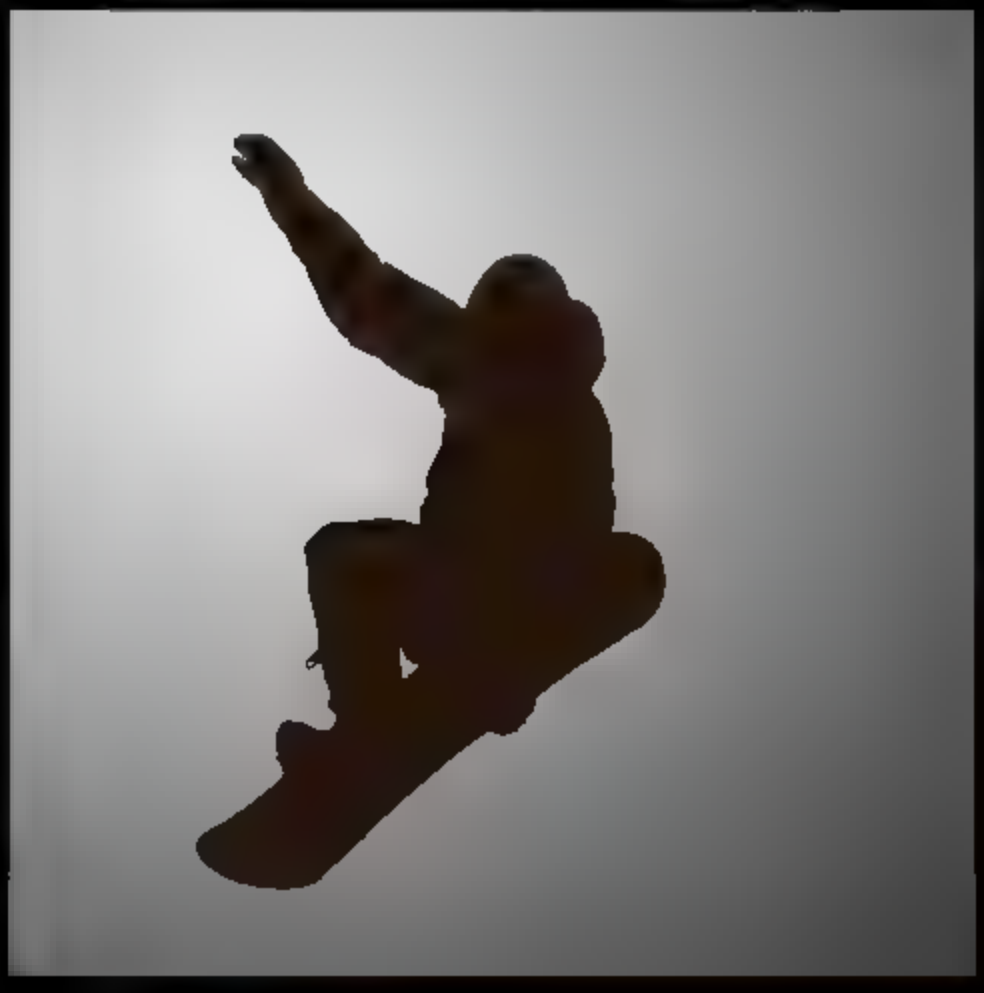
"WITH THE HELP OF SCIENCE, HUMANITY ENTERED AN AGE OF UNPRECEDENTED UNIVERSAL PEACE."

"THERE WAS NO FAMINE, DISEASE, OR CONFLICT... JUST PEACE AND TRANQUILITY, MUCH LIKE THE DEEP SEA. AND THIS PEACE PERPETUATED ITSELF GENERATION AFTER GENERATION."

"BUT PEOPLE STARTED TO GET
TIRED OF THIS LIFE OF ENDLESS PEACE
AND TRANQUILITY, SINCE LIFE WITHOUT
ANY STIMULATION IS DULL AND BORING."

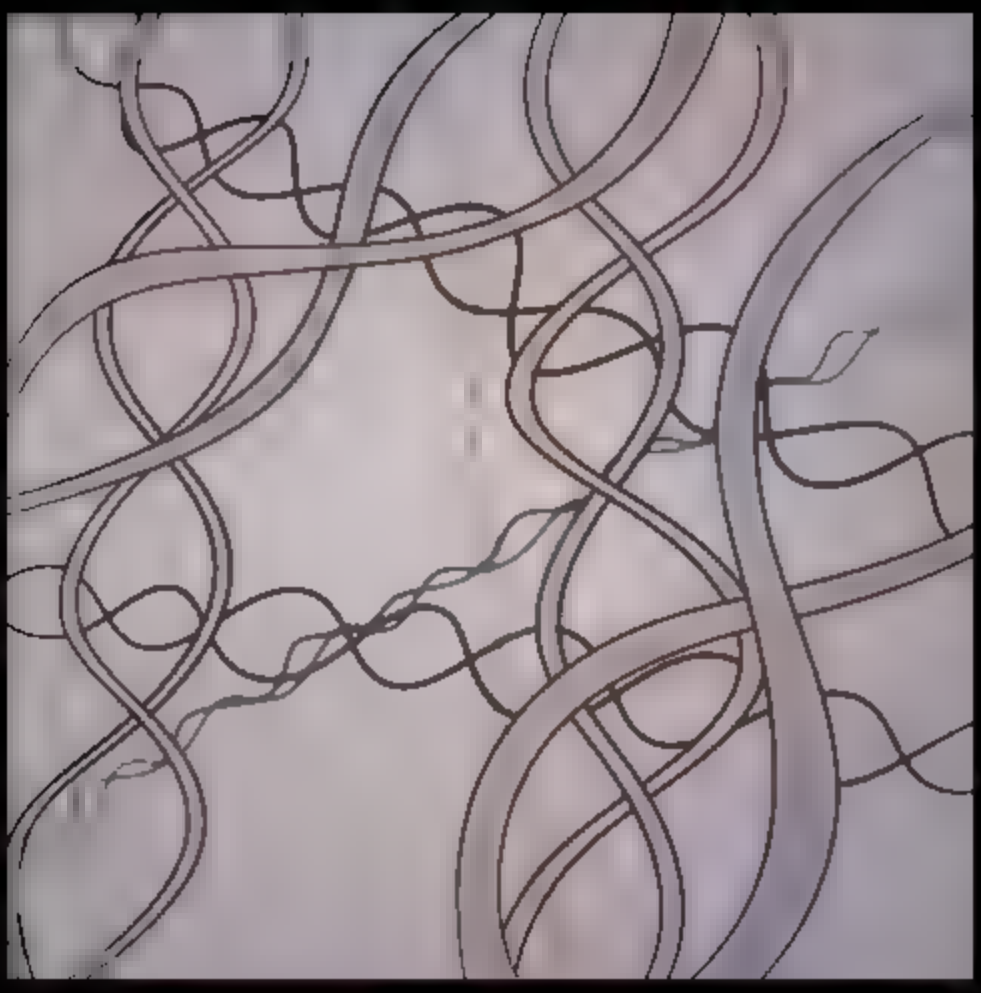


"STRANGE, YOU SAY? NOT AT ALL.
IT'S AN EXCEEDINGLY COMMON PHENOMENON.
PEOPLE FROM THE AGE
WHEN YOU LIVED PUT THEMSELVES IN DANGER
AND ENJOYED EXTREME SPORTS."



"ACTUALLY, THAT'S ALSO PARTIALLY THE REASON
WHY WE TAKE PEOPLE FROM THAT TIME.
IT WAS THE LAST AGE IN WHICH PEACE
AND WAR, HUMAN RIGHTS AND EXPLOITATION,
RATIONALITY AND SAVAGERY COEXISTED."

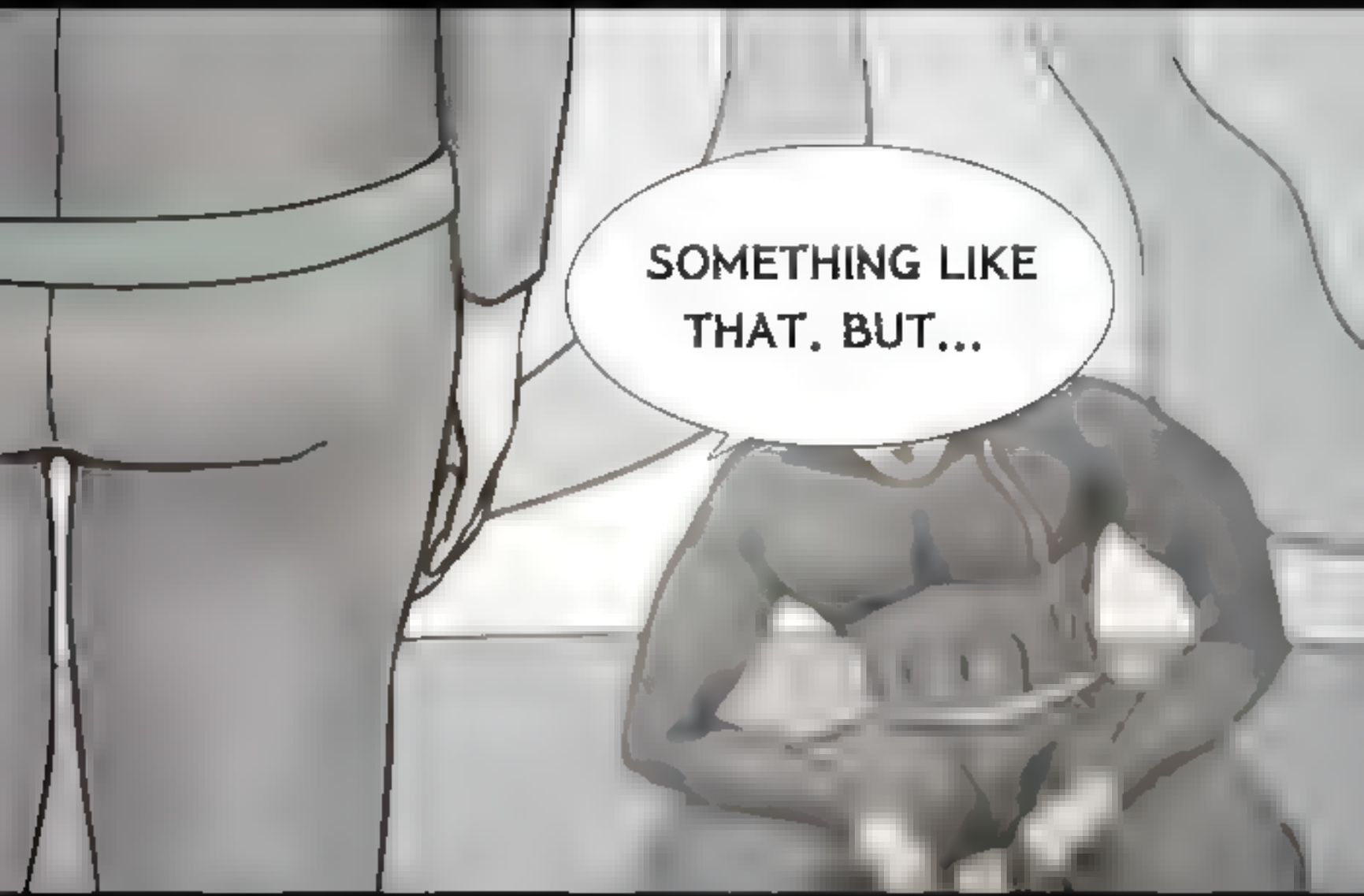
"THE PROBLEM IS THAT WE DIDN'T WANT TO ENDANGER ANYONE FROM OUR TIME. PEOPLE HERE HAVE BEEN LIVING IN COMFORT SINCE THEY WERE BORN, AND THEY ENJOY EXTREMELY LONG LIFESPANS WITHOUT ANY UNEXPECTED ACCIDENTS."

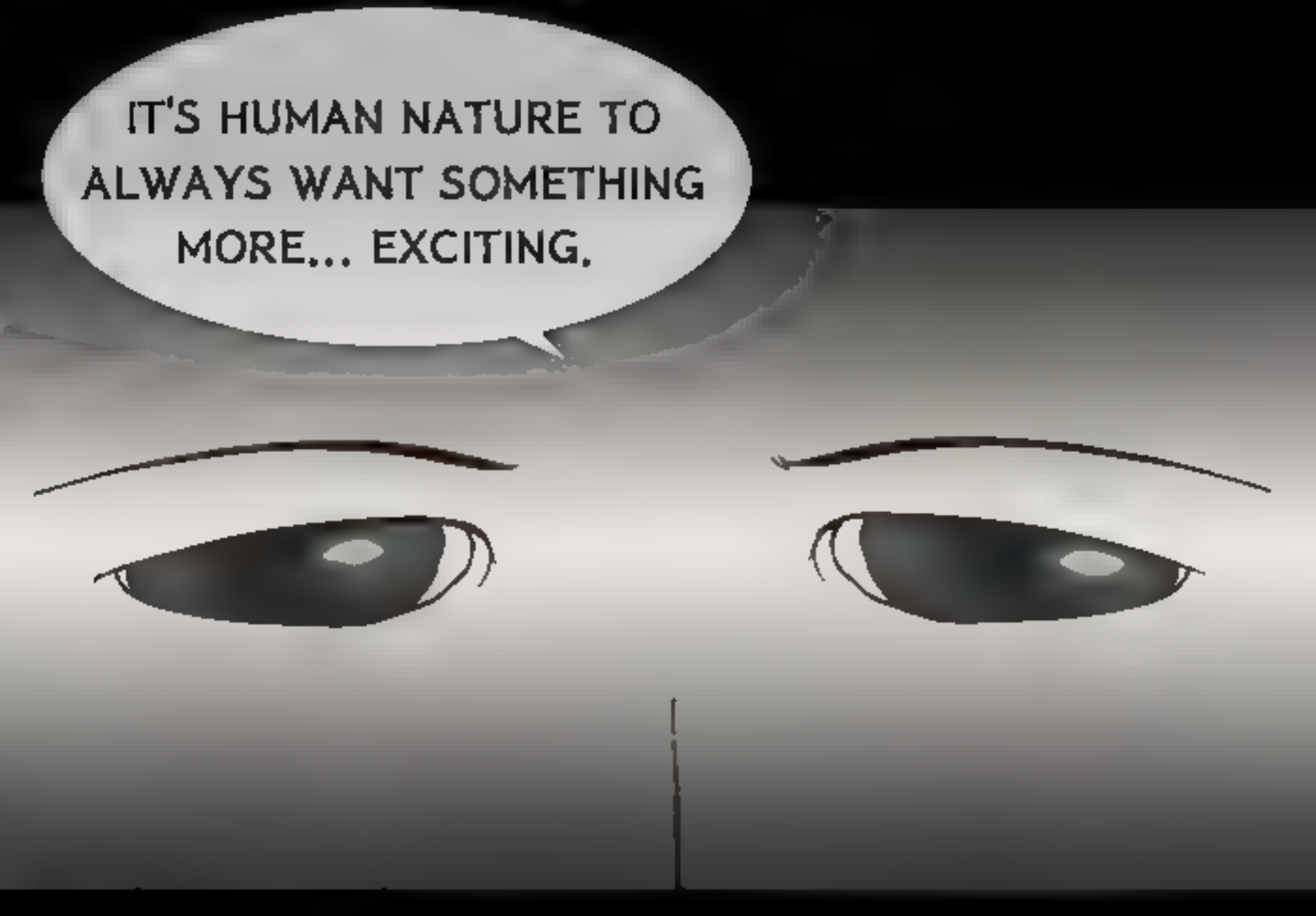


"AFTER MUCH DELIBERATION, WE AGREED TO TRANSFER PEOPLE FROM THE PAST HERE AND OBSERVE THEM PLAYING SPORTS. ALTHOUGH THE PROCESS OF ARRIVING AT THIS AGREEMENT WAS LONG AND PAINFUL..."

"ANYWAY,
THE RESULT WAS A SPECTACULAR SUCCESS.
WE COULD FINALLY ENJOY THE EXTREME ELATION
AND EXITEMENT, THE VIVID STIMULATION WHICH
VIRTUAL REALITY AND ROBOT SPORTS
COULD NOT GIVE US."

SO YOU'RE SAYING THAT THE REASON YOU BROUGHT ME HERE FROM THE PAST IS JUST BECAUSE YOU WANTED TO WATCH SOCCER?


SOMETHING LIKE
THAT. BUT...

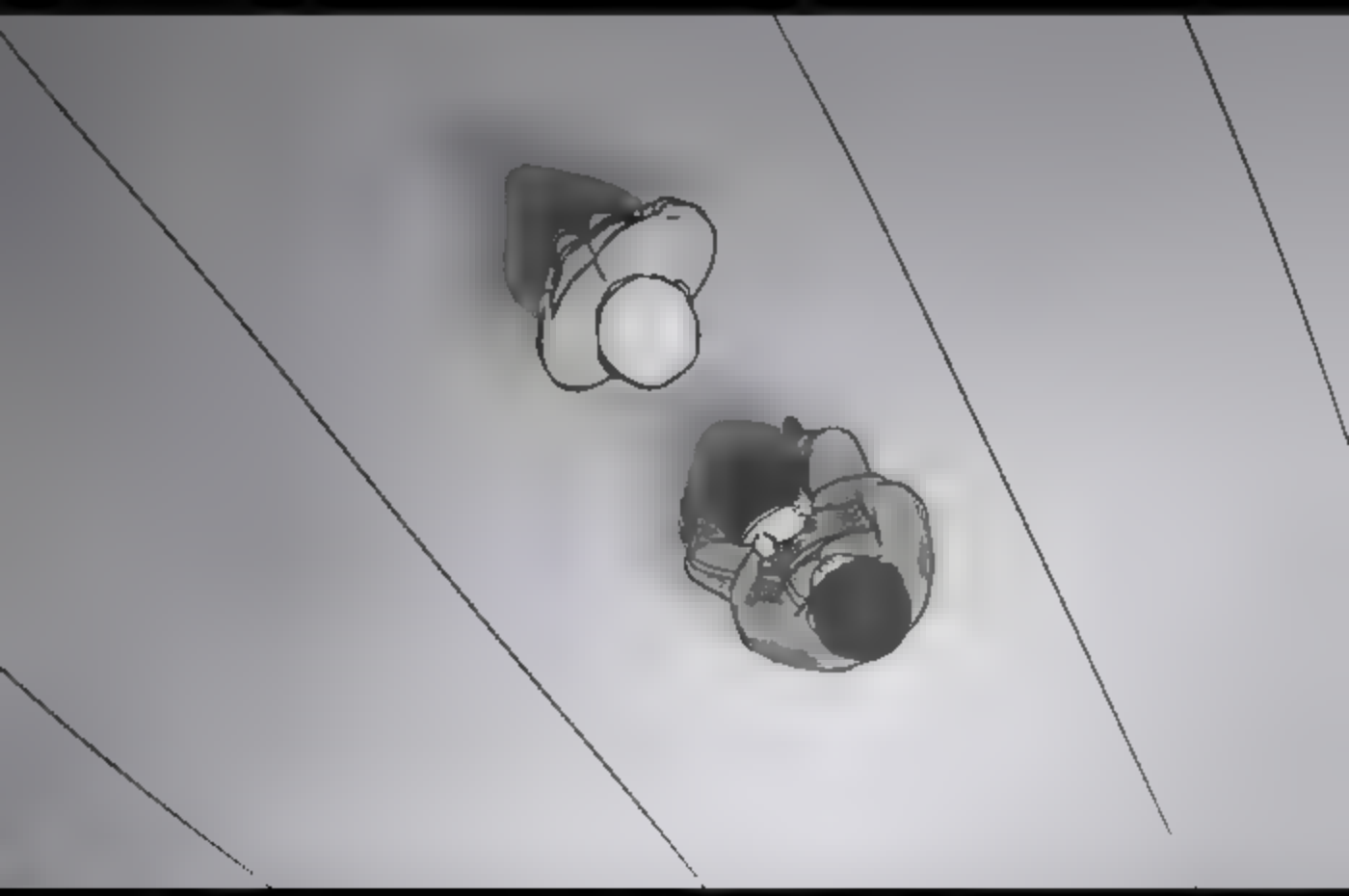


HE GAVE ME A LONG EXPLANATION.

AND YET NOTHING WAS REALLY CLEAR.

THEIR EXPLANATION FOR WHY THEY BRING PEOPLE HERE FROM THE PAST FOR THEIR OWN ENTERTAINMENT,

THE REASON FOR CHOOSING ME OUT OF COUNTLESS SPORTS STARS TO BRING HERE,



AND THE FACT THAT NONE OF THIS HAS ANY EFFECT ON THE FUTURE.

NONE OF THIS MADE ANY SENSE TO ME.

HOWEVER,

NOT LONG AFTER THAT.

I WAS NATURALLY ABLE TO FIND OUT THE ANSWER

TO ONE OF MY QUESTIONS, AT LEAST.

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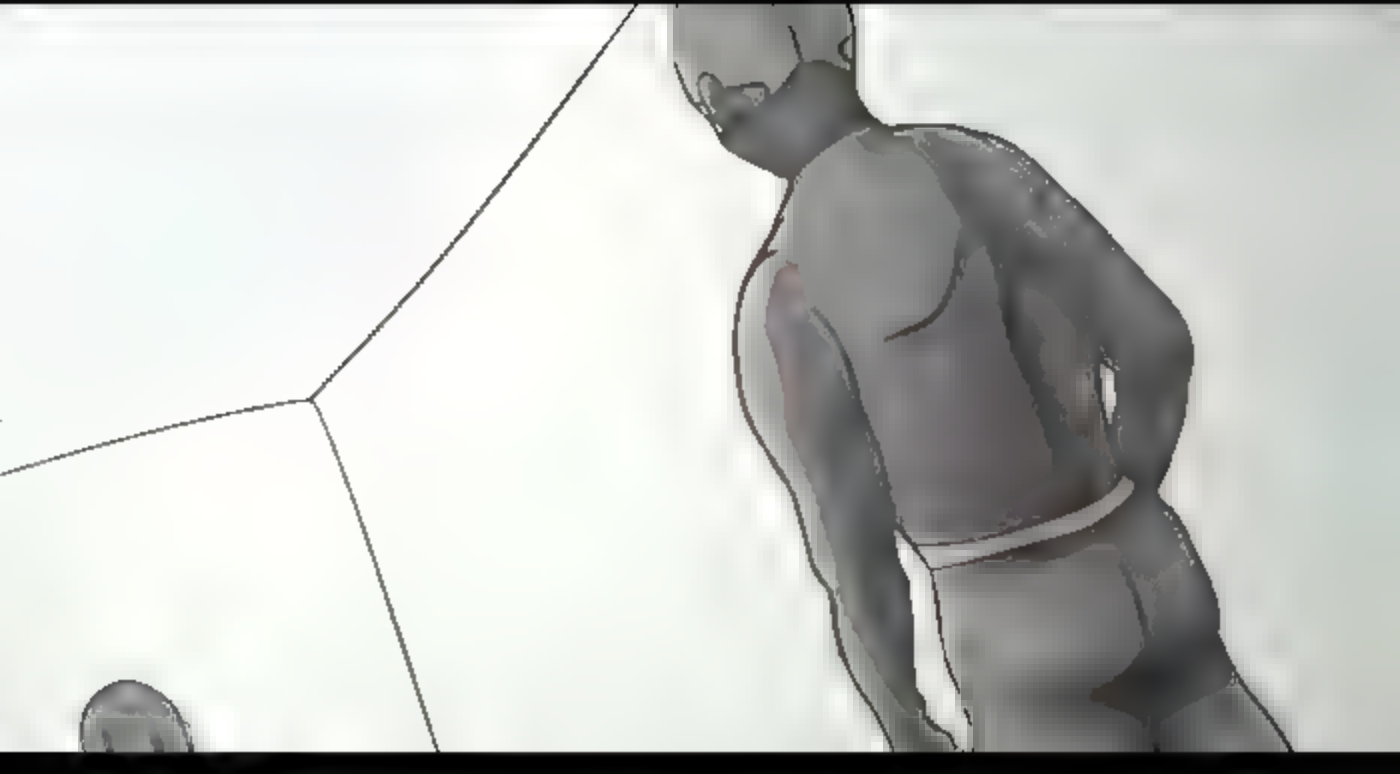
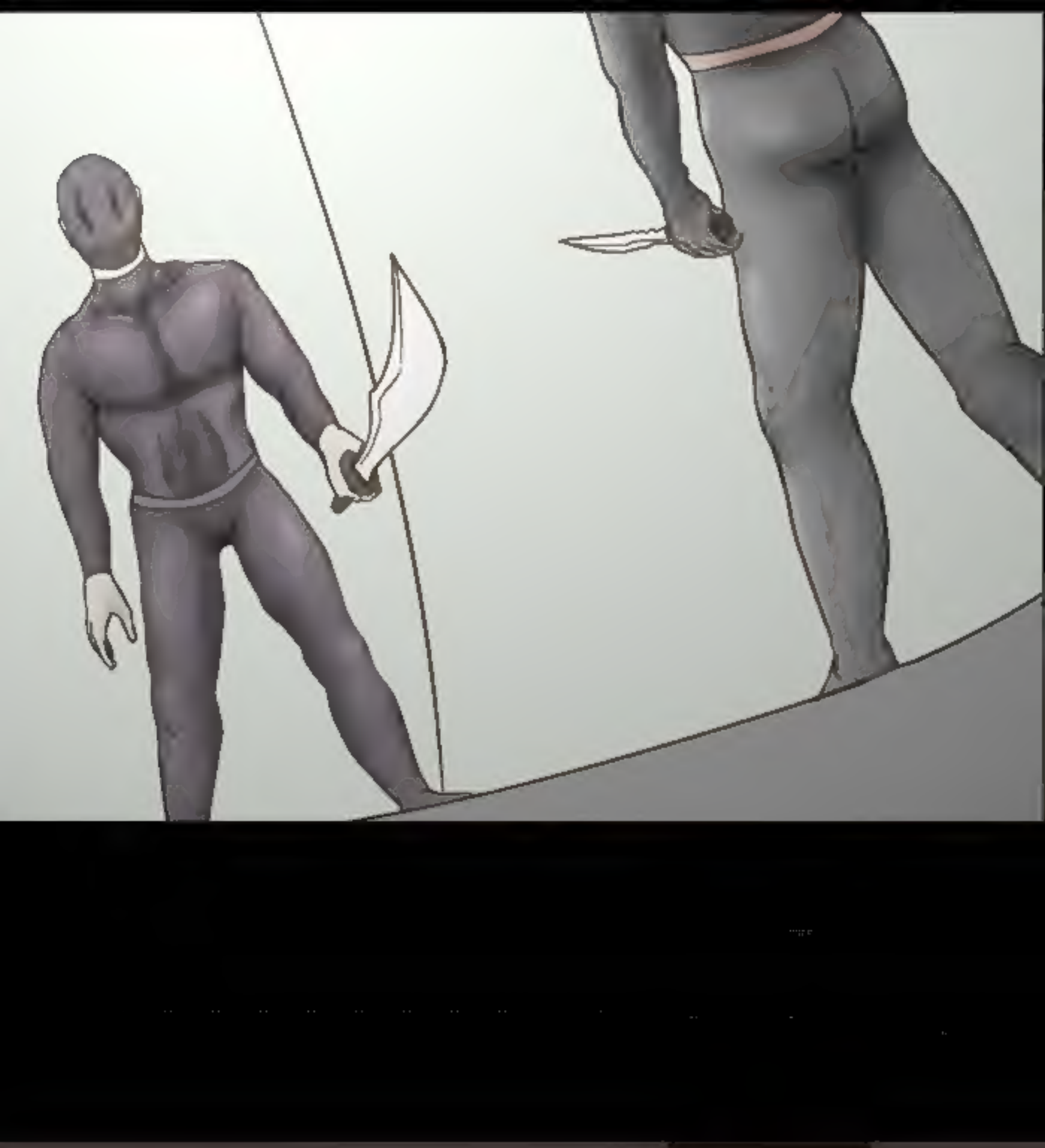


AS THEY SAID,

THE SPORT THAT THEY WANTED



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WAS SOMETHING FAR MORE STIMULATING

THAN SOMETHING LIKE SOCCER.

NEXT WEEK, TRANSMISSION (3)

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